

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
5th Floor Conference Room
Council Office Building

Commission Members Present:

Paul Bessel, Chair
Wendy Cohen
Larry Lauer
Timothy Lighter
Joshua Lipsky
Randy McDonald
Angela Rey
Jonelle Williams

Staff:

Ed Lattner, Office of the County Attorney
Marie Jean-Paul, County Council
Justina Ferber
Josh Hamlin, County Council

Guest:

Barbara Braswell
Mark Pierzchala, Rockville City Council

Commission Members Absent:

Sharon Freeman
Aryeh Shudofsky
Ed Wisneski

Commission Chair Paul M. Bessel called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

I. Administrative items:

- The agenda was adopted without objection.
- The minutes for the October 5, 2016 meeting were approved without objection.
- The Commission decided unanimously to cancel the scheduled December meeting.

II. Comments by any members of the public about anything within the jurisdiction of the CRC:

None.

III. Discussion and decisions on how the CRC will handle the items listed for future consideration in our 2016 report:

IV. Discussion and decision on how the CRC will handle other items in preparation for our next report, which is due by May 2018:

The Commission discussed the possibility of an amendment eliminating at-large Council seats and redrawing the district map to include nine districts.

The Chair invited any members to draft and circulate a plan to address all considerations for the 2018 report.

V. Reports from Research Groups:

- a) **Financial**
- b) **Government Structure**
- c) **Personnel**

None.

VI. Proposal for staggered terms for Council Members - How and when to handle it?

The Commission discussed the issue and determined that, because of the timeline for necessary changes to the State law and constitution, a Charter amendment to provide for staggered terms could probably not be approved until after the 2018 election.

VII. Other business:

Joshua Lipsky asked to be added to the research group looking into personnel matters. Membership in the research groups is now as follows:

- Financial: Paul M. Bessel, Wendy Cohen, Angela Rey, Aryeh Shudofsky, Ed Wisneski
- Government Structure: Paul M. Bessel, Wendy Cohen, Sharon Freeman, Larry Lauer, Timothy Lighter, Jonelle Williams
- Personnel: Aryeh Shudofsky, Joshua Lipsky

VIII. Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.